



FINAL

**MINUTES – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of
The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario
Wednesday, June 26th, 2019 – 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Held at Vibrant Healthcare Alliance
2398 Yonge Street, 2nd floor, Toronto**

PRESENT:

Quorum was achieved: A total of 23 members participated in the 2019 AGM; 9 in person and 14 proxies.

List of Voting Members:

See attached list of voting members.

1. Call to Order

Denise Magi, President of MEAO extended a welcome to all members and introduced the current board members and MEAO's administrative assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m.

1. Agenda:

Motion:

Be it resolved that the Agenda now before this meeting is approved.

Moved by: Keith Deviney
Seconded by: John Doherty
Motion Carried. Unanimous

2. Approval of AGM minutes of May 2nd, 2018:

Thank you to MEAO member Eleanor Johnson for her contributed amendments to the minutes.

Motion:

Be it resolved that the Minutes of the Myalgia Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario (MEAO) Annual General Meeting of May 2nd, 2018 now before this meeting are approved.

Moved by: Adrianna Tetley
Seconded by: Keith Deviney
Motion Carried. Unanimous

3. Annual Report - Presentation by President:

MEAO President Denise Magi, presented the Directors' Report. This report details the major activities from May 3rd, 2018 meeting to present. A copy was available for all members present.

- A member raised a concern to why no membership input towards object revisions was considered before submission to the lawyer. The Board stated that the draft Objects will be presented to the members after initial comments by the CRA. The members will review the draft Objects once the CRA has provided some initial comments.
- A typo was spotted on pg. #3, 5th bullet point – release year should be changed to 2019.
- A member submitted a collaborative written statement to be included in the minutes;
"To: MEAO AGM

A number of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario (MEAO) members are very concerned that the Task Force on Environmental Health did not reach consensus on recommending additional funding for the Environmental Health Clinic at Women's College Hospital (Final Report pg. 9 and pg. 31).

We strongly recommend that MEAO in its ongoing lobbying and contact with the Government ask for additional funding for the Environmental health Clinic since: the EHC's unique expertise will be essential to developing the high quality services the Task Force envisions; and unfortunately, delay can be expected in funding and developing the new services the Task Force recommends.

We request the above two paragraphs and any response be included in the minutes of this AGM.

*Eleanor Johnson
Yvon Hemsol
Denise King
Alison Rae
Jeanne Samonas
Irene Turrin "*

Motion:

Move that MEAO wants to extend its appreciation to Denise Magi for all her hard work on the Task Force Committee.

Moved by: Keith Deviney
Seconded by: Louis Samonas
Motion Carried. Unanimous

- Denise Magi thanked Board members for their time and contributions to MEAO.

4. Treasurer's Report:

a) *Presentation of the financial statements for 2018*

Financial Statements were made available at the meeting.

Motion:

Be it resolved that the Financial Statements (note to reader) of the Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario (MEAO) as reviewed by chartered accountant, Welch LLP as presented for the year ended December 31, 2018 are approved.

Moved by: Eleanor Johnston
Seconded by: Louis Samonas
Motion Carried. Unanimous

b) *Presentation of the Notice to Reader Welch LLP*

MEAO had a challenging time finding a new auditor with the current budget. The fee of the Auditor was included in the report, hence the high liability amount.

At this time, MEAO has 2 or 3 years of available funds, requiring approx.: \$8,000 per year to operate.

c) *Appointment of auditor and motion to set fee*

Motion:

Be it resolved that Welch LLP chartered accountants, be appointed auditors for financial reviews and financial matters for The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario (MEAO) for the year 2019 at the appropriate remuneration as determined by the Board of Directors.

Moved by: Keith Deviney
Seconded by: Louis Samonas
Motion Carried. Unanimous

5. Nomination Report:

The members were presented with a written list of nominee biographies and the nominees were introduced;

Keith Deviney (returning member)

John Doherty (returning member)

Members were given written ballots and asked to vote for or against the two nominees. Wafaa Arbaji tallied the votes and revealed the results.

The two nominees were elected as 2019 - 2020 Board members.

Motion:

Be it resolved that the nomination report is approved and election to proceed.

Moved by: Adrianna Tetley
Seconded by: John Doherty
Motion Carried. Unanimous

Given the results of the election the following directors will constitute the MEAO Board for 2019: Denise Magi, Keith Deviney, Adrianna Tetley and John Doherty.

6. Other Business:

Since the release of the Final Report, MEAO is hopeful for the implementation of the recommendations and the assignment of a committee to accomplish the much needed requirements.

7. Adjournment:

Motion:

Be it resolved the Annual General Meeting for today, June 26th, 2019 is adjourned.

Moved by: Adrianna Tetley

Meeting Adjourned.

The AGM adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

VOTERS LIST – 2019

Last Name	First Name	In Person or By Proxy
Al-Awadi	Fadi	By Proxy
Ayers	Marie	By Proxy
Deviney	Caroline	By Proxy
Deviney	Keith	In Person
Dineen	Therese	By Proxy
Doherty	John	In Person
Halapy	Erika	By Proxy
Hemsol	Yvonne	In Person
Holmes	Lynn	By Proxy
Jiwani	Izzat	By Proxy
Johnston	Eleanor	In Person
King	Denise	By Proxy
Magi	Denise	In Person
Meitz	Diane	By Proxy
Menard	Laurie	In Person
Morrison	Theresa	By Proxy
Rae	Alison	By Proxy
Rovito	Anthony	By Proxy
Samonas	Jeanne	In Person
Samonas	Louis	In Person
Tetley	Adrianna	In Person
Turrin	Irene	By Proxy
Vandenbroek	Mary - Lou	By Proxy